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C O N F I D E N T I A L SECTION 1 OF 2 USNATO 3400

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SUBJECT: REVISION OF DRAFT DECISION SHEETS, APRIL 1974 CONFERENCE OF
NATIONAL ARMAMENTS DIRECTORS (CNAD)

SECDEF FOR ODDR&E (MR. R. BASIL).

REF: AC/259-DS/13 (DRAFT).

BEGIN SUMMARY. NATIONAL ARMAMENTS DIRECTORS' REPRESENTATIVES
(NADREPS) OF FRG, US, UK AND FRANCE MET JUNE 12, 74 TO DISCUSS
FRG PROPOSED CHANGES TO CNAD DECISION SHEET. AGREEMENT WAS NOT
POSSIBLE DUE TO LACK OF GUIDANCE ON PART OF US, UK AND FRANCE.
MISSION REQUESTS GUIDANCE BY COB JUNE 20, 1974. END SUMMARY.

1. ASST SEC GEN FOR DEFENCE SUPPORT (ASG-DS, TUCKER) ASKED
THE NADREPS OF FRG, US, UK AND FRANCE TO MEET AND DISCUSS
BELATED FRG PROPOSED CHANGED TO DRAT DECISION SHEET OF APRIL
74 CNAD (REF). THE FOUR NADREPS MET JUNE 12 BUT WERE UNABLE
TO AGREE ON FRG PROPOSED CHANGES. NADREPS OF US, UK AND FRANCE
DID NOT HAVE SPECIFIC GUIDANCE, ALTHOUGH FRG REPORT OF 4-POWER R&D
DEPTUTIES' MEETING IN LONDON, MAY 22, 1974, INDICATES THAT ALL
THREE COUNTRIES AGREED TO THE FRG CHANGES WHICH ARE DATED MAY 21,
1974. AT THE LONDON MEETING ODDR&E (BASIL) REPRESENTED THE US.
EXACT TEXT OF FRG MEMORANDUM OF MEETING IS QUOTED BELOW IN GERMAN
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FOR REFERENCE. BEGIN QUOTE:

MINDIR EBERHARD ERKLARTE, DAS DRAFT DECISION SHEET DER 13.
CNAD (AC/259-DS/13) ENTHALTE UNTER ABSCHNITT II(B) "SURFACE-TO-

AIR MISSILES" EINIGE UNGENAUIGKEITEN, SO DAS GE INZWISCHEN DR. TUCKER GEBETEN HABE, DIE ZIFFERN (3) BIS (6) DIESES ABSCHNITTES ENTSPRECHEND DEN DEUTSCHEN VORSTELLUNGEN ZU ANDERN. DIESE DEUTSCHEN ANDERUNGSVORSCHLÄGE WURDEN AN FR, UK UND US VERTEILT. UNTER HINWEIS AUF DEN VON MINDIR WAHL ANLÄSSLICH DER LETZTEN PRINCIPALS SITZUNG EINGEBRACHTEN VORSCHLAG, DIE NATO HAWK PRODUCTION AND LOGISTIC ORGANIZATION SOLLTE UNTER FR-FEDERFÜHRUNG DIE MOGLICHKEITEN DER WEITERENTWICKLUNG EINER "IMPROVED HAWK" UNTERSUCHEN, BAT MINDIR EBERHARD UM BESTÄTIGUNG, OB FR BEREIT SEI, DIESE AUFGABE ZU ÜBERNEHMEN. US UNTERSTÜTZTE DEN DEUTSCHEN VORSCHLAG. FR ERKLÄRTE SICH BEREIT, DIE FEDERFÜHRUNG ZU ÜBERNEHMEN. UK IST ALS NICHT HAWK-NUTZERSTAAT NICHT AN EINER UNMITTELBAREN MITARBEIT INTERESSIERT, WIRD JEDOCH EINE MÖGLICHE BETEILIGUNG ALS BOEBACHTER PRÜFEN. END QUOTE.

2. FRG NADREP QUOTED FRG NATIONAL ARMAMENTS DIRECTOR (WHAL) TO

THE EFFECT THAT ODDR&E (BASIL) HAD AGREED TO SUBMIT A NEW SET OF PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE CNAD DECISION SHEET (REF) WHICH WOULD QUOTE PARALLEL UNQUOTE FRG CHANGES.

3. BOTH ASG-DS (TUCKER) AND DIRECTOR OF ARMAMENTS & DEFENCE RESEARCH (SCHOENER) EXPRESSED RESERVATIONS TO USNADREP (LYNCH) ABOUT ACCEPTING LATE CHANGES OF WORDING WHICH DIFFER FROM WHAT WAS ACTUALLY SAID AT THE CNAD. IN MISSIONVIEW THE PROPOSED CHANGES IN TEXT ARE HELPFUL AND WOULD SERVE TO CLARIFY THE DECISION SHEET. HOWEVER, THE PRECEDENT OF REWRITING THE TEXT CONSIDERABLY BEYOND WHAT WAS NOMINALLY AGREED TO IN FULL SESSION IS NOT RECOMMENDED.

4. FULL TEXT OF PROPOSED CHANGES RECOMMENDED BY THE FRG ON 21 MAY 1974 (AND PRESUMABLY AGREED TO BY THE 4 POWERS IN LONDON) FOLLOWS:

GERMAN CORRECTIONS CONCERNING AC/259-DS/13(DRAFT)

ON PAGES 5 AND 6 THE PARAGRAPHS (B) (3), (4), (5) AND (6)
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SHOULD READ:

(3) AGREED THAT BY THAT TIME IT NEEDED THE FOLLOWING INPUTS:

(A) A CLEAR STATEMENT FROM MILITARY AUTHORITIES ON OPERATIONAL CONCEPTS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR NEXT GENERATION SAMS FOR AIR DEFENCE IN THE 1980S AND 1990S AND IN PARTICULAR OF THE CONTINUATION OF THE ALLIED INTEGRATED FORWARD AIR DEFENCE, TO LAY THE BASIS FOR A POLITICAL COMMITMENT IN SUPPORT OF THE RESULTING MATERIEL CONCEPTS;

(B) AN OPERATIONAL ASSESSMENT OF WHAT COULD BE

ACHIEVED BY THE LATER 1980S THROUGH A FURTHER
HAWK IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME GOING BEYOND THE
PRESENTLY AGREED HIP;

(C) AN OPERATIONAL ASSESSMENT OF THE POSSIBILITIES
OF A FUTURE SAM SYSTEM BASED ON THE UNITED STATES'
SAMD-D TECHNOLOGY TO BE CONSIDERED AS SUCCESSOR
FOR NIKE'S AND POTENTIALLY FOR HAWKS;

(D) AN OPERATIONAL ASSESSMENT FO THE POSSIBILITIES
OF A FUTURE MEDIUM SAM BASED ON NEW TECHNOLOGIES;

(4) REQUESTED THE CHAIRMAN TO WORK WITH NATO MILITARY AND
CIVILIAN AUTHORITIES TO STIMULATE THE PROCESS OF
ESTABLISHING A COMMON OPERATIONAL SAM-CONCEPT AND THE
ASSESSMENT WORK ESSENTIAL TO COMPARE THE ALTERNATIVES.

(5) ACCEPTED THE PROPOSAL THAT THE FRG, FRENCH, UNITED
KINGDOM AND UNITED STATES MADS WORK TOGETHER TO LAY
OUT THE NECESSARY STUDIES OF THE POSSIBILITIES OF
FUTURE SAMS BASED ON FURTHER HAWK IMPROVEMENTS, ON
SAM-D TECHNOLOGY, AND ON NEW TECHNOLOGIES AND REPORT
BACK WITHIN A YEAR;

(6) AGREED THAT IT SHOULD ALSO HAVE A DEFINITIVE REVIEW
ON INVENTORY AND REPLACEMENT PLANS OF SHORT RANGE
ALL-WEATHER AIR DEFENCE WEAPONS SYSTEMS IN APRIL 1975.

5. THE FRG SUBMITTED ADDITIONAL COMMENTS ON 5 JUNE 74. MISSION
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HAS NO OBJECTION TO CONTENT OF THESE COMMENTS. TEXT FOLLOWS.

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1. GENERAL

IN OUR VIEW THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS DO NOT CHANGE THE SUBSTANTIVE CONTENTS OF THE DECISIONS TAKEN BY CNAD. THE GERMAN ARMAMENTS DIRECTOR IN HIS CAPACITY AS PILOT FOR SAM OF CAND IS ONLY ANXIOUS TO ENSURE THAT THE RESOLUTIONS ARE REFLECTED CORRECTLY AND IN A WAY ALLOWING FOR CLEAR INTERPRETATION IN ORDER THAT THE OBJECTIVES ACCORDING TO AC/259-DS/13, PARA II (B) (1) CAN, IN FACT, BE ACHIEVED.

THEREFORE THE GERMAN SIDE AGAIN ASKS TO CHANGE PARAS II (B) (3) - (6) OF DS/13 AS PROPOSED IN THE LETTER DATED 14 MAY 1974.

2. EXPLANATIONS CONCERNING PARA II (B) (3):

THIS IS A MATTER ANALOGOUS TO THE SUBJECT OF AIRBORNE EARLY WARNING. THEREFORE THE SAME REQUIREMENTS SHOULD BE CHARACTERIZED IN IDENTICAL TERMS (PARA II (D) (2) (A) REFERS). IT SHOULD ALSO BE STATED THAT THE NECESSARY INPUTS ARE DEMANDED BY THE MILITARY AUTHORITIES. SINCE THE RESOLUTIONS ALSO REFER TO US-SAM/D AND THE QUESTION OF THE NIKE SUCCESSION (BOTH BELONG TO THE "HEAVY SAM CATEGORY") IT WOULD BE INCONFIDENTIAL

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INCORRECT TO LIMIT ONESELF TO "MEDIUM". THE SUBJECT SHOULD THEREFORE BE CALLED "SAM AREA OF SPECIFIC CONCERN".

THE TERM "ASSESSMENT" IS DOUBTLESSLY TOO GENERAL. THE NECESSARY INPUTS REQUIRE AN "OPERATIONAL ASSESSMENT". TO PROVIDE THE ARMAMENTS PLANNERS WITH A JOINT BASIS OF MILITARY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE TACTICAL OPERATIONAL PERFORMANCE DEMANDED.

3. EXPLANATIONS CONCERNING PARA II (B) (RLC

AS IN THE TSGAD DOCUMENTS AC/280-D/27 AND D/29 WHICH WERE ENDORSED BY THE MC THE ACTUAL OBSTACLE FOR THE EQUIPMENT COLLABORATION, I.E. "THE LACK OF A COMMON OPERATIONAL SAM CONCEPT AND THE ASSESSMENT OF ALTERNATIVES" SHOULD BE NAMED INSTEAD OF SPEAKING OF "NECESSARY REVIEWS OF CONCEPTS". ONLY THESE WILL BE ABLE TO PROVIDE A RELIABLE PRECONDITION FOR BRINGING CLOSER THE FORMERLY VERY DIVERGENT NATIONAL VIEWS, AND THEIR NON-EXISTENCE PREVENTED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A MULTILATERAL PROJECT.

4. EXPLANATIONS CONCERNING PARA II (B) (6):

THERE IS NO APPARENT REASON TO RESTRICT SHORAD TO "MISSILE SYSTEMS". MOST COUNTRIES ALSO EMPLOY MODERN GUNS IN SHORAD (35 MM GUNS, 30 MM GUNS, US VULCAN, ETC.). IT SHOULD ALSO BE STATED THAT THE REVIEW REFERS TO THE INVENTORY AND THE REPLACEMENT SCHEDULES TO PROVIDE INTERNATIONALLY COMPARABLE LISTS OF UNITS, EFFICIENCY CHARACTERISTICS, OPERATIONAL INTENTIONS AND DATES OF ADOPTION.

6. NADREPS AGREED TO RESPOND TO FRG PROPOSALS (BY LETTER TO FRG NADREP) AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. WASHINGTON GUIDANCE REQUESTED BY COB JUNE 20, 1974.
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